

Statement of Reason for Emergency Rule

Certification Standards for Lespedeza in Circular 15:
Official Standards for Seed Certification in Arkansas

The Marion variety of Striate Lespedeza seed must be sold by variety name as a class of certified seed, and the only source of this seed for breeder and foundation seed will not make certified grade under the Arkansas certification standards. The marketing window for this variety of Lespedeza is immediate and of short duration. In order for the harvest of the breeder and foundation Marion Striate Lespedeza to be marketed for this planting season, the Board found that this problem has caused an imminent peril to the producers of this variety. The AOSCA (Association of Official Seed Certification Agencies) standards are used by surrounding states that have certification standards for lespedeza. Allowing the use of these standards for this variety of lespedeza will allow this seed to be marketed by Arkansas producers.